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CAIRO FOR ATHERTON

DEPT FOR SAUNDERS

JERUSALEM FOR STERNER

FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (ATHERTON, ALFRED L.)
SUBJECT: ATHERTON SCHEDULE

REF: A) TEL AVIV 2518 (NOTAL), B) CAIRO 5957,
C) STATE 47663

1. HAVE JUST TALKED WITH EVRON ABOUT SCHEDULE
ON BASIS OF REF B. HE CONSULTED WITH DAYAN AND HAS NOW
PROPOSED ON DAYAN'S BEHALF THAT YOU MEET WITH DAYAN AT
1800 HOURS SATURDAY IN ZAHALA. DAYAN THINKS IT
WOULD BE BETTER TO HAVE THIS MEETING PRIOR TO PROBABLE
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MEETING WITH BEGIN ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON, FOR WHICH TIME
NOT YET SET. (CABINET MEETING SUNDAY MORNING PLUS
OWEN VISIT COMPLICATES SCHEDULE. MORE-
OVER, DAYAN WOULD LIKE CHANCE TO REFLECT OVERNIGHT ON
WHAT HE HEARS FROM YOU BEFORE YOUR PROBABLY MEETING WITH
HIM AND BEGIN ON SUNDAY.)

2. FULLY SHARE YOUR CONCERN ABOUT AVOIDING CABINET
LEAKS, BUT I FRANKLY DO NOT SEE HOW WE CAN GRACEFULLY
AVOID SATURDAY EVENING MEETING IN LIGHT OF DAYAN'S
REQUEST. WE CAN URGE THAT HE MAKE NO RPT NOT REPORT TO
THE CABINET ON SUNDAY PENDING FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH
BEGIN, AND I WILL REINFORCE WITH BEGIN OUR WORRIES
ABOUT LEAKS AS WELL.

3. ASSUME FROM REF C THAT FURTHER WASHINGTON GUIDANCE
FOR YOU CAN REACH US BEFORE 1800 HOURS SATURDAY (1100
SATURDAY MORNING WASHINGTON TIME). EVEN IF THIS PROVES
NOT TO BE POSSIBLE FOR WASHINGTON, I THINK YOU SHOULD
TRY TO GO AHEAD WITH SATURDAY EVENING MEETING.
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